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neighborhood of Break-neck Hill and the Harlem River, and have had it brought me, as growing wild, from Staten Island, but I am not sure that these plants were other than waifs. *W. H. L.*

BRUNELLA, Tourn.—*B. vulgaris*, L.; very common; N. Y. [Prof. Goodale, *Amer. Naturalist*, July, 1871, thinks *Ajuga reptans*, L., may sometimes be mistaken for this plant.]

SCUTELLARIA, L.—*S. pilosa*, Michx.; Long Island, Staten Island, New Jersey, rather common; rare about Palisades, and Closter, *Austin*. —*S. integrifolia*, L.; in Newark meadows, *Eddy in Torr. Cat.*; common at Closter, *Austin*; also on Staten Island, and Long Hill, N. J., *W. H. L.*; Long Branch, *Ruger*; Babylon, *Merriam*; Yonkers, *Pooley*.—*S. galericulata*, L.; Long Island, *Torr. Cat.*, *Coles*, *Ruger*; Weehawken, New Durham Swamp, *W. H. L.*; Closter, scarce, *Austin*; Central Park, *R. & P.*; Yonkers, *Pooley*. —*S. lateriflora*, L.; common; N. Y.

52. *Lolium perenne*, L.—Within a few years this grass seems to have become quite common. Nearly all the door yards on Murray Hill, at least, contain more or less, and many are completely filled with it. The awnless variety is in the minority decidedly: my own front area came up thickly with the awned variety. The glume is not awned and only equals the lowest flower in length: the lower paleæ are all awned, the awns varying from a mere point to the length of the flower. The spikelets contain a variable number of flowers. 5—10, 7 being the average.

It would seem from the description that the length of the glume is the only distinguishing mark between *L. temulentum* and *L. perenne*. The grain of *L. temulentum* has been reputed poisonous, but, according to H. Wagner, this is now contradicted by German authors, who state that it is harmless, and that its supposed poisonous properties depend on ergot that gets mixed with the grain.

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53. White Strawberry.—During a recent visit to the southern Adirondack region, I noticed the white strawberry of which I send you a small specimen. It was past the fruiting season, and I found only two or three berries, but was told by people living in the vicinity that they had gathered a few quarts of the fruit this summer. It was stated, also, that the berries were larger than the common red strawberry.

The plant is easily recognized by the eye when growing among *F. Virginiana*, Ehrhart, being of a yellow-green hue, with the ripened leaves bright yellow, while *F. Virginiana* has foliage of a blue or purple-green ripening to a bright dark red. The new variety is found mostly near to but not in the woods, and appears to be of a shy and timid character, and in danger of being overrun and choked out by the rampant "Reds."

I have never before seen the common red strawberry in such aggressive abundance as in the locality visited by me. It forms a thick turf over acres of land, to the exclusion of almost all other vegetation except the red raspberry, which seems to be struggling

with it for the possession of the soil. *Fragaria vesca*, L., occurs in the woods, and I was told of another variety with peculiar pink berries, but saw none of the plants.

I do not find mention of this var. of *Fragaria* in the latest edition of Gray's Manual. Brattleboro, Vt., Aug. 9, A. E. BROWN.

We take this interesting plant to be a var. *alba* of *F. vesca*, L. It is desirable to have more complete specimens of this and also of the pink berried form. The locality mentioned by Mrs. B. is "Bennett's Farm, 13th Pond, Warren Co., N. Y." What is the color of the foliage, fresh and ripened, of *F. vesca*? Eds.

54. Notes by I. H. Hall.—On the 22nd of June, Mr. J. H. Redfield, Mr. C. F. Parker, and myself, took an excursion into the pine barrens of New Jersey, and found, about a mile and a half from Ateo, a very large and unusual station of *Helonias bullata*, L. It grows there in clusters and singly, and, to all appearance, extends a long distance in the swamp, and exists in unlimited quantity. Mr. Parker, who is thoroughly conversant with most of the pine barren region, and probably with all the known stations of *Helonias* therein, has seen none at all comparable with this. Of course it was past flower.

Near the same place we found *Nymphæa odorata*, Ait., growing in wet or overflowed sphagnum, in a uniformly dwarfed state, the leaves being from two to three inches and a half in diameter and the flowers reduced in size to correspond. There was nothing unsymmetrical, imperfect, or unhealthy about the plants, however, and for a large space we saw none of the normal size. [This is Var. *minor*, Sims, and seems to be the prevailing form in the Pines. Eds.]

We also found abundantly; *Ænothera sinuata*, L., *Verbena angustifolia*, Michx., *Danthonia sericea*, Nutt., &c. *Verbena angustifolia* I have also found in abundance at Jamaica, L. I., but not, by any means, as large or as flourishing as in the Pines.

As to the state of advancement of vegetation at the time, we found *Magnolia glauca* rather past its perfection but with still plenty of fresh flowers and buds; *Kalmia latifolia* and *K. angustifolia* rather past but very full flowered; *Andromeda Mariana* well and fully out; *A. ligustrina*, out but a little behind the other; *Xerophyllum*, rather past; *Calypogon* and *Pogonia ophioglossoides*, in perfection, as well as *Drosera linearis* and the various forms of *Ænothera fruticosa*. I found one lingering *Leiophyllum* in flower.

55. New Stations.—*Mentha rotundifolia*, L., near Richmond village, Staten Island, on the road from New Dorp, *Merriam*.—*Desmodium viridiflorum*, Beck, between East New York and Canarsie at the crossing of Fresh Creek, and in an open bushy field half a mile nearer to Canarsie, *Merriam*.—*Arctostaphylos Uva-ursi*, Spreng., and *Polygala cruciata*, L., Tottenville, Staten Island, where also *Diospyros Virginiana*, L., grows in the thickets and groves quite plentifully and apparently more spontaneously than I have seen it elsewhere in our vicinity. *W. H. L.*—*Mentha viridis*, L., and *Verbena angustifolia*, Michx., are to be found near Kingsbridge, the latter at the foot of the dolomite rocks.—*Tilia Americana*, L., var. *pubescens*, at Wading River, L. I., and *Potentilla recta*, Willd., at the Ridge, near Middle Islands, *E. S. Miller*.